



# Bitterroot National Forest

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### "Walk By the Light of the Moon"

Hamilton, Montana, June 20, 2007—Once a month, as the full moon glows, it seems safe to venture out into the dark while the moon makes shadows. You can still smell the flowers, feel the wind, hear the water, and sense the wildlife.

For the sixth year, the Bitterroot National Forest offers a series of interpretive "Moon Walks" from June through September. These walks are based on the book by Francis Hammerstrom, "Walk When the Moon is Full", which is about her children and the nature walks they took every month under the full moon.

The Bitterroot National Forest invites you to join interpreters and naturalists for these leisurely walks. The hour and a half programs begin each night between 8:00 and 8:30 pm on the full moon. Below are the topics that will be featured during the series.

Saturday, June 30th – 4-H Moon at Lake Como in the Bitterroot National Forest. Learn about sheep, goats, dogs, sewing, cooking and the clubs provided by 4-H.

Monday, July 30th – Fort Owen Moon at Fort Owen State Park near Stevensville. Learn about the unique history of Fort Owen State Park.

Tuesday, August 28th – Horse of the Desert Moon at the Daly Mansion in Hamilton. Learn about Marcus Daly's granddaughter, an enthusiastic rider, breeder and seller of horses and her Bitterroot Hungarian Horse Farm.

Wednesday, September 26th – 100 Years Under the Blodgett Moon at the Blodgett Canyon Campground in the Bitterroot National Forest. Learn about the history of the Blodgett Trail and the people who walked it.

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